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SUBJECT:NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM - TASK FORCE
NUMBER 1 ON READINESS

1. THIS MESSAGE FURNISHES OUR VIEW OF WHERE THE MAIN
PROGRAM AND POLICY EMPHASES SHOULD LIE IN THE WORK OF
TASK FORCE NUMBER 1.

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2. UNLESS MISSION OR USDEL MC HAVE MAJOR OBJECTION TO
CONTENT, THIS VIEW (PARA 5 BELOW) SHOULD BE PASSED TO THE
TASK FORCE DIRECTOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION
IN THE PREPARATION OF HIS END-OCTOBER REPORT. WE RECOGNIZE
THAT THE WORK OF HIS TASK FORCE MAY HAVE LED TO SOMEWHAT
DIFFERENT EMPHASES IN SOME CASES. HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT
THESE VIEWS COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE TO HIM IN PREPARING HIS

RESTRICTED LISTING OF PROGRAM AND POLICY EMPHASES FOR
REVIEW BY MINISTERS IN DECEMBER.

3. IF MISSION OR USDEL MC HAVE ANY COMMENTS, REQUEST THEY
BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY.

4. FYI: MISSION SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE REGARD NEED TO
FOCUS ON THESE FEW KEY HIGH PRIORITY EFFORTS AS CENTRAL TO
A SUCCESSFUL LTDP. IF THEY ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE TF

FOR OTHER THAN WHAT PROVE TO BE COMPELLING REASONS, IT
IS OUR INTENTION TO RAISE THEM WITH EWG, THEN PERMREPS,
AND, IF NECESSARY, AT DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. END FYI.

5. BEGIN TEXT OF INITIAL US VIEWS:

KEY PROGRAM EMPHASES (ALL PROGRAMS SHOULD INCLUDE ESTI-
MATED COST SCHEDULES)

1. IMPROVE POSITIONING OF FORCES. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD
INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF SPECIFIC UNITS TO BE MOVED, THE
BEST SEQUENCE OF MOVEMENT TO DOVETAIL NATIONAL ACTIONS,
AND RECOMMENDED AREAS FOR IMPROVED STATIONING AS WELL AS
ESTIMATED COSTS (AND SAVINGS) ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM.

2. IMPROVE POSITIONING AND UPLOADING OF AMMUNITION. THIS
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PROGRAM SHOULD LAY OUT A 10-YEAR GOAL FOR APPROPRIATE
UPLOADING OF AMMUNITION, AND SHOULD DETAIL A SCHEDULE
OF ACTIONS AND COSTS FOR NECESSARY MOVEMENT OF UNIT EQUIP-
MENT TO PERMIT UPLOADING.

3. OPERATIONAL READINESS TEST PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM
SHOULD PROVIDE A BUILDUP OF READINESS TEST CAPABILITIES
AND ACTUAL TESTING TO ACHIEVE EARLY IMPROVED READINESS
AND, WITHIN TEN YEARS, RELIABLE, COMPREHENSIVE ALLIANCE
READINESS TESTING.

4. NATO FAMILY OF ARMOR, ANTI-ARMOR SYSTEMS AND ADEQUATE
LEVEL OF ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONRY. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD
IDENTIFY A COMMON FAMILY OF ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONS FOR THE
SHORT-TERM AND SHOULD PROVIDE A LONG-TERM PLAN FOR
PROGRESS TOWARD A NEXT GENERATION FAMILY. IT SHOULD
PROVIDE A DETAILED PROGRAM OF ADDITIONAL PROCUREMENTS BY
EACH ALLIED COUNTRY OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS TO ACHIEVE A
BALANCED ALLIANCE CAPABILITY, INCLUDING MODERNIZATION OF
RESERVE FORCES. IT SHOULD DEVELOP PHASED PROGRAM FOR
BRINGING ALL ALLIED UNITS, BY REGION, UP TO AN AGREED
LEVEL OF ANTI-ARMOR WEAPONRY. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE MINES.

5. FAMILY OF NATO AIR-TO-SURFACE MUNITIONS. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE FAMILY OF AIR-TO-SURFACE MUNITIONS FOR THE MID-TERM WITH A TIME-PHASED SCHEDULE OF PROCUREMENTS BY EACH ALLIED COUNTRY OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. IT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE A PLAN FOR PROGRESS TOWARD A NEXT GENERATION FAMILY.

6. CHEMICAL DEFENSE. THIS PROGRAM SHOULD IDENTIFY A FAMILY OF CHEMICAL DEFENSE MEASURES AND SHOULD PROVIDE A 10-YEAR PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE

ALLIANCE.

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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. DOCTRINE, TACTICS, TRAINING, AND EXERCISES. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THESE AREAS LEADING TO POSSIBLE NEW PROGRAMS IN THE FUTURE.

2. NATIONAL TRAINING. STRENGTHEN MNC AND PSC STAFF CAPABILITIES TO INFLUENCE (OR MONITOR) NATIONAL TRAINING.

3. CIVIL MILITARY COOPERATION. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF MC 36/2 AND APPROPRIATE CIMIC AGREEMENTS.

4. COMMITMENT OF FORCES TO NATO. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER NATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

5. ALERT SYSTEM. POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM.

6. MANNING LEVELS AND WEEKEND MANNING. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MANNING LEVELS.

7. NATO ARTILLERY UPGRADE. DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BRINGING ALLIED ARTILLERY UP TO COMMON STANDARDS BY REGION, FOR 1990.

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